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#### **National Priorities List**

Superfund hazardous waste site listed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended in 1986

PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT/UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORP.
West Palm Beach, Florida

Conditions at listing (October 1984): The Pratt & Whitney Aircraft/United Technologies Corp. Site comprises about 7,000 acres in West Palm Beach in north central Palm Beach County, Florida. Jet engines have been manufactured and tested on the site since 1957. Pratt & Whitney is a privately-owned Canadian-based operation and a division of United Technologies Corp.

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Ground water and surface water are contaminated with PCBs and organic solvents, according to tests conducted by Pratt & Whitney. The company also found that the well serving its 7,200 employees is contaminated with solvents.

Pratt & Whitney has installed a forced aeration system to remove volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) from its well fields and is involved in discussions with the State regarding PCBs and landfill remedial actions.

The plant received Interim Status under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) when it filed Part A of a permit application. In 1983, it submitted Part B of the application.

Status (January 1986): On April 26, 1985, the company signed a Consent Agreement with the State under which the company is to implement a State-approved remedial action plan to deal with VOCs and PCBs.

Other areas of contamination, including PCB-contaminated soil and a buried leaking waste oil tank containing VOCs, have been discovered on the property.

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Status (June 1988): EPA is proposing to drop Pratt & Whitney Aircraft/ United Technologies Corp. from the proposed NPL. Because it is a treatment and storage facility, it is subject to the corrective action authorities of Subtitle C of RCRA.

Under the State-approved remedial action plan, Pratt & Whitney is pumping and treating contaminated ground water.

In June 1987, the State issued a 5-year RCRA permit for treatment and storage units. EPA expects to issue the corrective action portion of the permit, which the State is not yet authorized to issue later in 1988.

EPA intends to pursue cleanup under RCRA authorities and to ensure that the cleanup protects public health and the environment. Superfund enforcement authorities may also be used. EPA can later repropose the site for the NPL if it determines that the owner or operator is unable or unwilling to clean up the site effectively.

Hazardous waste site listed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA)("Superfund")

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Facility name: Pratt & Whitney Air Craft JUNITED YECH.
Location: West Palm Beach Florida
EPA Region:
Person(s) in charge of the facility: James L. Scilinger g mgr utilities
operations/Environmental Affairs
West Palm Beach, FL 33402
Name of Reviewer: Zoc Kulakowski Date: June 29, 1984 General description of the facility:
(For example: landfill, surface impoundment, pile, container; types of hazardous substances; location of the facility; contamination route of major concern; types of information needed for rating; agency action, etc.)
The facility encompasses approximately 7000 acres
in north central Palm Beach County & includes a san-
itary landfill when solvents have bun disposed of by
open-burning + posibly without burning a solvent
storage tank and a solvent distilling and broundwither
contamination his bun confirmed
Scores: $S_M = (S_{gw} = S_{sw} = 6.71)$
S <sub>FE</sub> =
S <sub>DC</sub> =

FIGURE 1 HRS COVER SHEET

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	Ground Water Route Work Sheet								
	Rating Factor		Assigned Value (Circle One)	Multi- plier	Score	Max. Score	Ref. (Section)		
1	Observed Release		0 (45)	1	45	45	3.1		
	If observed release	_	_						
2	Route Characteristi Depth to Aquifer Concern		0 1 2 3	2		6	3.2		
	Net Precipitation Permeability of th Unsaturated Zor Physical State		0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3	1 1		3 3 3			
			Total Route Characteristics Score			15			
3	Containment		0 1 2 3	1		3	3.3		
4	Waste Characterist Toxicity/Persiste Hazardous Waste Quantity	nce	0 3 6 9 12 <b>(5</b> ) 8 0 <b>(3</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 8 1	15 1	18 8	3.4		
	ſ		Total Waste Characteristics Score	,	16	26			
5	Targets Ground Water Us Distance to Near Well/Population Served	est	0 1 2 <b>3</b> ) 0 4 6 8 10 ) 12 16 18 20 ) 24 30 32 <b>65</b> 40	<b>3</b> 1	9 35	9 40	3.5		
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FIGURE 2
GROUND WATER ROUTE WORK SHEET

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	Surface Water Route Work Sheet									
	Rating Factor		Assi (Ci		Multi- plier	Score	Max. Score	Ref. (Section)		
1	Observed Release	)	0		45		1	0	45	4.1
	If observed releas	_				_=_				
2	Route Characteris Facility Slope ar Terrain 1-yr. 24-hr. Rain	nd Interve		2 (3)			1	3 3	3	4.2
	Distance to Nea Water			2 3	)		2	36	6	
	Physical State		0 1	2 ③			1	3	3	····
			Total Route	Charact	teristi	cs Score		15	15	
3	Containment		0 1	2 3			1	3	3	4.3
4	Waste Characteris Toxicity/Persiste Hazardous Wast Quantity	ence	0 3	6 9 2 3	12 <b>(15</b> 4 5	) <sub>18</sub> 6 7 8	1 3 1	15	18 8	4.4
			Total Waste	Charact	teristi	cs Score		16	26	
5	Targets Surface Water U Distance to a Se Environment Population Serve to Water Intake Downstream	ensitive ed/Distan	ŏ ·		20	10 40	3 2 1	060	9 6 40	4.5
			Total	Targets	Scor	e	:	6	55	
			1 x 4 x 2 x 3 x		5			4320	64,350	
7	Divide line 6 b	y 64,350	and multiply t	oy 100				6.	71	

FIGURE 7
SURFACE WATER ROUTE WORK SHEET

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	Air Route Work Sheet							
	Rating Factor	Assigned Value (Circle One)						
1	Observed Release	0 45	1	45	5.1			
	Date and Location:							
	Sampling Protocol:							
		0. Enter on line 5. roceed to line 2.		<del></del>				
2	Waste Characteristics Reactivity and	0 1 2 3	1	3	5.2			
	Incompatibility		· .					
	Toxicity Hazardous Waste Quantity	0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	3 ' 8 1	9 8				
	-							
		Total Waste Characteristics Sco	re	20				
3	Targets	) 0 0 40 45 40		00	5.3			
	Population Within 4-Mile Radius	0 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 30	1	30				
	Distance to Sensitive Environment	0 1 2 3	2	6				
	Land Use	0 1 2 3	1	3	!			
	<del></del>		····		_			
_		Total Targets Score		39	ļ			
4	Multiply 1 x 2 x	3		35,100	)			
5	Divide line 4 by 35,10	0 and multiply by 100	Sa=	0				

# FIGURE 9 AIR ROUTE WORK SHEET

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Groundwater Route Score (Sgw)	55.26	3053,67
Surface Water Route Score (S <sub>SW</sub> )	6.71	45.02
Air Route Score (Sa)	0	0
$S_{gw}^2 + S_{sw}^2 + S_a^2$		3098,69
$\sqrt{s_{gw}^2 + s_{sw}^2 + s_a^2}$		55, 67
$\sqrt{s_{gw}^2 + s_{sw}^2 + s_a^2} / 1.73 = s_M =$		32. <b>18</b>

FIGURE 10 WORKSHEET FOR COMPUTING  $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{M}}$ 

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Fire and Explosion Work Sheet											
Rating Factor	А	Assigned Value Multi- (Circle One) plier						Score	Max. Score	Ref. (Section)	
1 Containment	1				3		···	1		3	7.1
Waste Characteristics Direct Evidence Ignitability Reactivity Incompatibility Hazardous Waste Quantity	0 0 0 0		2 3	4	5	6 7	' 8	1 1 1 1		3 3 3 3 8	7.2
	Total Was	ste Cl	narac	teri	stic	s Sco	re			20	
Jargets Distance to Nearest Population Distance to Nearest Building Distance to Sensitive Environment Land Use Population Within 2-Mile Radius Buildings Within 2-Mile Radius	0 0 0 0	1 2 1 2 1 2	2 3	4	5			1 1 1 1 1		5 3 3 5 5	7.3
4 Multiply 1 x 2 x		tal Ta	rgets	s So	core	)				1,440	
5 Divide line 4 by 1,440 and multiply by 100 S FE =											

# FIGURE 11 FIRE AND EXPLOSION WORK SHEET

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	Direct Contact Work Sheet											
	Rating Factor		Assigned Value (Circle One)					Multi- plier	Score	Max. Score	Ref. (Section)	
1	Observed Incident	0				45	 ;		1		45	8.1
	If line 1 is 45, proceed to 1f line 1 is 0, proceed to											
2	Accessibility	0	1	2	3				1		3	8.2
3	Containment	0		15					1		15	8.3
4	Waste Characteristics Toxicity	0	1	2	3				5		15	8.4
5	Targets  Population Within a 1-Mile Radius  Distance to a  Critical Habitat	0	1	2	3	4	5		4		20 12	8.5
						Sco	ore				32	
6	If line 1 is 45, multiply If line 1 is 0, multiply					5	<del></del>	_			21,600	
7	Divide line 6 by 21,600	and multip	ly b	y 1	00				s <sub>DC</sub> =			Ì

FIGURE 12
DIRECT CONTACT WORK SHEET

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#### DOCUMENTATION RECORDS FOR HAZARD RANKING SYSTEM

INSTRUCTIONS: As briefly as possible summarize the information you used to assign the score for each factor (e.g., "Waste quantity = 4,230 drums plus 800 cubic yards of sludges"). The source of information should be provided for each entry and should be a bibliographic-type reference. Include the location of the document.

FACILITY NAME: Pratt & Whitney Aircraft
LOCATION: West Palm Beach Florida
DATE SCORED:
PERSON SCORING: Zoe Ku la kowski
PRIMARY SOURCE(S) OF INFORMATION (e.g., EPA region, state, FIT, etc.):
FACTORS NOT SCORED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION:

COMMENTS OR QUALIFICATIONS:

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Facility Name:

Pratt and Whitney Aircraft

Location:

West Palm Beach, Florida

EPA Region:

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Person(s) in Charge of the Facility:

James L. Seilinger, Manager Utilities Operations/ **Environmental Affairs** West Palm Beach, FL 33402

Name of Reviewer: Zoe Kulakowski

Date: June 29, 1984

General Description of the Facility:

The facility encompasses approximately 7000 acres in north central Palm Beach County and includes a sanitary landfill where solvents have been disposed of by open-burning and possibly without burning, a solvent storage tank which leaked approximately 2000 gallons of trichloroethane through an underground valve, a solvent distilling area, and jet fuel heaters that contained PCB heat exchange fluid until the mid-70's. Ground water and surface water contamination has been confirmed.

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Scores:  $S_M = 47.25$  ( $S_{QW} = 79.49$   $S_{SW} = 19.30$   $S_a = 0$ )

SFF = Not rated

SDC = Not rated

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#### Ground Water Route

#### 1 OBSERVED RELEASE

Contaminants detected (5 maximum):

√1,1,1-trichloroethane trichloroethylene . tetrachloroethylene Polychlorinated biphenyls eh lor of orm

viryl chloride

Source: Dames & Moore reports dated 5-14-81, 5-24-83, and 6-28-83:

Dames & Moore report 5-14-81, Plak 14; 6-28-83, & Table III b (Background) Rationale for attributing the contaminants to the facility:

Chemicals have been or are being used on site. Also, monitoring has shown contaminant plume encroachment on site water supply

Contaminants detected in drinking water wells on the facility have all bun or are being used on the site at a facility in an area which was not contained. References: No. 3, p. 4; sampling results Well # 1

2 ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

## Depth to Aquifer of Concern

Name/description of aquifer(s) of concern:

Depth(s) from the ground surface to the highest seasonal level of the saturated zone [water table(s)] of the aquifer of concern:

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Depth from the ground surface to the lowest point of waste disposal/ storage:

#### 3 CONTAINMENT

#### Containment

Method(s) of waste or leachate containment evaluated:

Method with highest score:

#### 4 WASTE CHARACTERISTICS

## Toxicity and Persistence

Compound(s) evaluated:

≪ or 1,1,1-trichloroethane 2/2

trichloroethylene 2/2

tetrachloroethylene 3/2 (perchloroethylene)

chloroform 3/3

Source: Sax and User's Manual

Compound with highest score:

GAloroform (Score of 18) Vinyl Chloride (Score of 15)

Vinyl chloride

Source: Users Manual

## **Hazardous Waste Quantity**

Total quantity of hazardous substances at the facility, excluding those with a containment score of 0 (Give a reasonable estimate even if quantity is above maximum):

~2000 gallons of 1,1,1-trichloroethane lost via leaking underground valve.

~53,500 gallons of jet fuel with high PCB content on water table from leaks and spills.

?Sanitary landfill - Solvent open-burning & possible drum burial.
?Solvent still area - spent solvent reclamation area with leakage & spillage highly probable.

Sources: Dames and Moore report dated 5/14/81 and Weston, Inc. RAP dated 3/7/84.

Basis of estimating and/or computing waste quantity:

53,500 gal of PCB jet fuel + 2000gal of trichloroethane = 1,100 drums
50 gal per drum

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## Net Precipitation

Mean annual or seasonal precipitation (list months for seasonal);

Mean annual lake or seasonal evaporation (list months for seasonal):

Net precipitation (subtract the above figures):

# Permeability of Unsaturated Zone

Soil type in unsaturated zone:

Permeability associated with soil type:

## hysical State

nysical state of substances at time of disposal (or at present time for generated gases);

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#### 5 TARGETS

#### Ground Water Use

Use(s) of aquifer(s) of concern within a 3-mile radius of the facility:

Sole source of drinking water for employees.

Source: Dames and Moore report dated 5/14/81.

#### Distance to Nearest Well

Location of nearest well drawing from aquifer of concern or occupied building not served by a public water supply:

This site has a well field of 8 wells which supply drinking water for the company's  $\sim$  7200 employees.

Sources: Dames and Moore 5/14/81 report and NIOSH's 4/82 report; Reference \*9

## Distance to above well or building:

Zero (two wells have been removed from service due to ground water contamination.)

Source: Dames and Moore reports dated 5/14/81, 6/28/83; Perferences 7, 9.

## Population Served by Ground Water Wells Within a 3-Mile Radius

Identified water-supply well(s) drawing from aquifer(s) of concern within a 3-mile radius and populations served by each:

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft - 8 water supply wells served the  $\sim$ 7200 employees. No municipal supplies available. The surficial aquifer supplies all drinking and irrigation water.

Computation of land area irrigated by supply well(s) drawing from aquifer(s) of concern within a 3-mile radius, and conversion to population (1.5 people per acre):

No data

Total population served by ground water within a 3-mile radius:

∼7200 people

References: #3, p. 7; #9

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#### SURFACE WATER ROUTE

#### 1 OBSERVED RELEASE

Contaminants detected in surface water at the facility or downhill from ic (5 maximum):

None

Rationale for attributing the contaminants to the facility:

Z ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

## Facility Slope and Intervening Terrain

Average slope of facility in percent:

Solvent Spill Area : 0.125%

Landfill: 33.3%

Polishing Pond: . 066 90

Name/description of nearest downslope surface water:

There is an on-sik canal, however, there is no documented migration route into the canal. Therefore, the warest surface water are the numerous unnamed wetlands.

Average slope of terrain between facility and above-cited surface water

2190 for all areas

Refr 8, 10

Is the facility located either totally or partially in surface water?

Yes, seasonal highs of the water table put both the

pond and landfill in surface water.

Is the facility completely surrounded by areas of higher elevation?  ${\cal N}\sigma$ 

### 1-Year 24-Hour Rainfall in Inches

4.5 inches

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Distance to Nearest Downslope Surface Water

Distance to rearest wetlands is < 100 ft.

Refr 8
Physical State of Waste

Liquids were disposed of in all three areas

Refr 3, 4, 5.

3 CONTAINMENT

### Containment

Method(s) of waste or leachate containment evaluated:

Solvent Still Ara: no containment (3)

Landfill: cover is inadequak and there is no leachate collection system (2)

Polishing Pond: diking has collapsed in past (3) Refr 10 Method with highest score:

Solvent Still Area } 3
Polishing Pond

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#### 4 WASTE CHARACTERISTICS

#### Toxicity and Persistence

Compound(s) evaluated

1,1,1-trichoroethane 2/2 ktrachloroethylene 3/2 trichloroethylene 2/2 viny/chloride 15

Lefr 3
Compound with highest score:

vinyl chloride 15

# User's Manuel Hazardous Waste Quantity

Total quantity of hazardous substances at the facility, excluding those with a containment score of 0 (Give a reasonable estimate even if quantity is above maximum):

The quantity of waste available to the surface water migration route is unknown.

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Sasis of estimating and/or computing waste quantity:

Unknown quantity Score = 1

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## Surface Water Use

Use(s) of surface water within 3 miles downstream of the hazardous substance:

· Notuse of wetlands

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Is there tidal influence?

No

#### Distance to a Sensitive Environment

Distance to 5-acre (minimum) coastal werland, if 2 miles or less:

NIA

Distance to 5-acre (minimum) fresh-water wetland, if I mile or less:

zero-100 feet - Lirbauous and forested wellands are located adjount to the polishing pond and landfill.

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Distance to critical habitat of an endangered species or national wildlife refuge, if I mile or less:

None located w/i 3 miles

#### Population Served by Surface Water

Location(s) of water-supply intake(s) within 3 miles (free-flowing bodies) or 1 mile (static water bodies) downstream of the hazardous substance and population served by each intake:

No data

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Computation of land area irrigated by above-cited intake(s) and conversion to population (1.5 people per acre):

NA

Total population served:

NA

Name/description of nearest of above water bodies:

NA

Distance to above-cited intakes, measured in stream miles.

NA

## AIR ROUTE

1 OBSERVED RELEASE
Contaminants detected:
No data
Date and location of detection of contaminants
Methods used to detect the contaminants:
Rationale for attributing the contaminants to the site:
2 WASTE CHARACTERISTICS
Reactivity and Incompatibility
Most reactive compound:

Most incompatible pair of compounds:

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## Toxicity

Most toxic compound:

## Hazardous Waste Quantity

Total quantity of hazardous waste:

Basis of estimating and/or computing waste quantity:

#### 3 TARGETS

## Population Within 4-Mile Radius

Circle radius used, give population, and indicate how determined:

0 to 4 mi 0 to 1 mi 0 to 1/2 mi 0 to 1/4 mi

## Distance to a Sensitive Environment

Distance to 5-acre (minimum coastal wetland, if 2 miles or less:

Distance to 5-acre (minimum) fresh-water wetland, if 1 mile or less:

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Distance to critical habitat of an endangered species, if 1.mile or less:

#### Land Use

Distance to commercial/industrial area, if 1 mile or less:

Distance to national or state park, forest, or wildlife reserve, if 2 miles or less:

Distance to residential area, if 2 miles or less:

Distance to agricultural land in production within past 5 years, if 1 mile or less:

Distance to prime agricultural land in production within 5 years, if 2 miles or less:

Is a historic or landmark site (National Register or Historic Places and National Natural Landmarks) within the view of the site?

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If the entire reference is not available for public review in the EPA regional files on this site, indicate where the reference may be found:

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